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Effigy Mounds News Release

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47th Annual Effigy Mounds Winter Film Festival

America the Beautiful

Effigy Mounds National Monument announces the 47th Annual Winter Film Festival. The film festival will start on January 2nd and run weekends and Monday afternoon through March 29th. The theme for this year is America the Beautiful and several of the films will involve the mighty Mississippi River which runs through our own backyard. During the festival there will also be displays from the Effigy Mounds 60th Anniversary and local art provided by the students and artisans of the area.

In order to showcase the River which is the center of this country and a major contributor to the culture of this area, the first weekend of the festival will feature "The Mighty Mississippi." It is a film which starts with the creation of the river and continues through the history of the River until the time of the Civil War. The film shows how the River shaped this country, physically and historically. Because the film is one and a half hours long, the films will be shown on Saturday, January 2nd and 3rd at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. and on Monday January 4th at 1:00 p.m.

America the Beautiful

Jan. 2-4	The Mighty Mississippi, the Early History of the River (showing at 10:00, 12:00, 2:00) Mississippi River Valley Artifacts (Effigy Mounds 60th Anniversary Display)
Jan. 9- 11	Forging of the New World (Spirits of the Jaguar) Mississippi River Valley Artifacts (Effigy Mounds 60th Anniversary Display)
Jan. 16 - 18	America's Pyramids Art - Prairie du Chien Schools Art Instructor: Lisa Rogers

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Jan. 23 - 25	Invasion of the Coast (500 Nations) Art – MFL Mar Mac Art Instructor: Ila Benzing
Jan. 30 - Feb. 1	Cauldron of War (500 Nations)
Feb. 6 – 8	Earthquake in the Heartland Art – Oil and Pastel Paintings Artist – Marlene Meyer
Feb. 13 – 15	The Mighty Mississippi, Later History of the River (showing at 10:00, 12:00, 2:00) Art – Prairie Catholic School Art Instructor: Colleen Welter
Feb. 20 – 22	American Eagle Art – Eagle Prints Artist – Ed Lawrence
Feb. 27 - Mar. 1	Riverboats Art - Oil Paintings and Jewelry Artist – Deb Conlon
Mar. 6 - 8	Hooked on Hummingbird Art- Waukon High School and Waukon Junior High School Art Instructors Julie Alden and Judith Engle
Mar. 13 – 15	Trains of the Upper Mississippi (showing at 10:00, 12:00 and 2:00) Art - Clayton Ridge High School, Art instructor: Ruth Deutmeyer
Mar. 20 – 22	Holy Cow Art – Paintings Artist – Valerie Miller
Mar. 27 – 29	National Park Bears Furs of the Mississippi

The visitor center is open daily all winter from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and weekends from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the trails are open depending on weather conditions.

For more information on the annual film festival and other upcoming events, visit us online at www.nps.gov/efmo or call the visitor center at (563) 873-3491. Effigy Mounds National Monument's visitor center is located three miles north of Marquette, Iowa and 17 miles south of Waukon, Iowa on HWY 76. *Admission to the holiday film days and Annual Film Festival is free.*

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